

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image ordering system comprising a center server,
a first client computer for an orderer and a second
client computer for a laboratory that are capable of
5 communicating data with one another;

said first client computer including:

an input unit for inputting data that
specifies an image to be printed; and

- a first transmitting unit for transmitting, to
10 said center server, the image specifying data that is
input from said input unit and data specifying the
orderer;

said center server including:

- a first receiving unit for receiving the image
15 specifying data and the orderer specifying data
transmitted from said first transmitting unit of said
first client computer; and

- a second transmitting unit for transmitting
the image specifying data and the orderer specifying
20 data, which has been received by said first receiving
unit, to said second client computer in association with
each other; and

said second client computer including:

- a second receiving unit for receiving the
25 image specifying data and the orderer specifying data
transmitted from said second transmitting unit of said
center server; and

a first alerting unit for giving notice of

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information regarding an image specified by the image specifying data and of an orderer represented by the orderer specifying data, which items of data have been received by said second receiving unit.

- 5 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said system has a plurality of said second client computers;

 said center server stores correspondence data in advance, the correspondence data representing with which second client computer among the plurality thereof the
10 first client computer of the orderer is affiliated;

 said center server further including:

 a determination unit for determining, on the basis of the correspondence data, with which second client computer, among the plurality thereof, the
15 orderer specified by the orderer data received by said first receiving unit is affiliated; and

 a transmit controller for controlling said second transmitting unit so as to transmit the image data and the orderer specifying data to said second
20 client computer that has been determined by said determination unit.

3. The system according to claim 1, wherein said center server further includes an image database storing image data; and

25 said first client computer includes a display controller for displaying, on a display unit, a thumbnail image of an image represented by image data that has been stored in said image database of said

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said first client computer further includes:

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a fifth receiving unit for receiving fee data

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orderers affiliated with the laboratories each being

said fifth transmitting unit transmitting fee data to the third client computer of a corresponding agency, to said second client computer of the laboratory and to
5 said first client computer of the orderer.

said third client computer of the agency including:

15 a sixth transmitting unit for transmitting
verification data to said center server in response to
verification performed by said verification unit;

said center server further including a seventh receiving unit for receiving verification data transmitted from said third client computer of the agency; and

said fifth transmitting unit transmitting the fee data to said second client computer of the laboratory in response to reception of the verification data by said
25 seventh receiving unit.

10. The system according to claim 8, wherein said fifth transmitting unit of said center server transmits the fee data to the first client computer of the orderer

said second client computer of the laboratory
further including:

a seventh transmitting unit for transmitting verification data to said center server in response to verification performed by said second verification unit;

said fifth transmitting unit transmitting the fee
15 data to said first client computer of the orderer in
response to reception of the verification data by said
eighth receiving unit.

a first setting unit for setting at least one of a laboratory affiliated with an agency and an orderer affiliated with a laboratory; and

12. The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer for laboratory further includes:

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5 setting unit, to said center server.

10 a third setting unit for setting a service, from
among a plurality of services, that can be utilized by
the orderer; and

15 third setting unit, to said center server.

a receiving unit for receiving data specifying an image and data specifying an orderer transmitted from a client computer of the orderer; and

20 a transmitting unit for transmitting the image
specifying data and the orderer specifying data, which
has been received by said receiving unit, to a client
computer for a laboratory in association with each
other.

a receiving device for receiving data specifying an image and orderer specifying data transmitted from a center server;

an alerting unit for giving notice of an orderer
5 specified by the received orderer specifying data.

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inputting data that specifies an image to be
printed; and
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the following steps implemented by said center server:

transmitting the received image specifying data and
orderer specifying data to said second client computer
in association with each other; and

receiving the image specifying data and the orderer specifying data transmitted from said center server; and

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